

in the face of the decision of the District Judge of N. York, and the refusal of the Republican members of Congress to accede to the Crittendon compromise. In Troy and vicinity I find the same difficulty, and am of the opinion that our contracts or most of them will have to be filled South.

*Eli Whitney, Jr.,<sup>33</sup> to Charles C. Lee.*

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Office of Whitneyville Armory

Whitneyville, (near New Haven, Conn.,) Jan. 28. 1861.

I send you one Navy or Medium Army size Revolver as sample. I also send samples of Minnie Rifled Muskets. The price of Medium Army Revolvers is \$12 60/100 nett. Of the browned barrel & blued mounting Musket \$12.00 ea of which I have about 400—and of the bright Musket similar to U.S. Model without Maynard Primer I can make about 2000 at \$14.00 each.

I can furnish 800 with the Maynard<sup>34</sup> Primer at \$15.00 each as soon as I can make them say in ninety days. Fifteen dollars each is just the price for which I have sold 200 to the State of Virginia last week.

I send also a sample of Mississippi Rifle of which I have sold 360 to Virginia last week at \$17.00 each with sabre bayonet.

Appendages in all cases of Rifles and Muskets 1 Wiper & 1 Screw driver to each gun and two Minnie Moulds and two cone wrenches to each box—Arm Chests as usual \$3.00 each. All bills payable in N.Y. City funds, and arms inspected & delivered here.

I can furnish arms up to the time that a State secedes—after that time I could not send arms with safety to such State. I can furnish 400 to 500 of the Mississippi Rifles, (model of 1842 like sample) *now*. I am however getting orders daily, and it would be well to close matters very soon as by that means you will get more arms. I can furnish in two weeks if not sold before I get your order about 400 muskets like browned sample—100

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<sup>33</sup>Eli Whitney, Jr., son of Eli Whitney, Sr., founder of the Whitney Armory at Whitneyville, Connecticut; supplied the U.S. Government during the Civil War with 15,001 Whitney rifle muskets. Gluckman and Satterlee, *American Gun Makers*, 236.

<sup>34</sup>Edward Maynard, Washington, D.C., and Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts; Head of Maynard Arms Company; dental surgeon; inventor of the Maynard Breech loading systems and also the Maynard primer. Gluckman and Satterlee, *American Gun Makers*, 134.